



MINUTES

RILEY COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2015

The Riley County Park Advisory Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Riley County Park Office. Board members in attendance were Joe Edmunds, Janie Dunstan, Alan Brown, Tom Finney, Michael Gassmann, Brenda Jordan, Amber Myers, Deandra Anderson, and Mike Roediger. Staff members in attendance included; Leon Hobson, Greg Lund, and Mary Graham. Mitch Innes from Randolph attended as a guest.

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Joe Edmunds. Introductions were made and minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Greg Lund introduced a request from University Park as an addition to the agenda.

Staff presented the “Smoke-Free” playground sign provided by Katy Oestman. There were no objections to the design and it was agreed that Ginny would take it as our recommendation to the next Manhattan City Park meeting. Tom Finney moved to approve the sign recommendation, Michael Gassmann seconded the motion, motion carried.

The monthly budget summary report was presented. Because it is still early in the year there were no major expenditures to report. Once the BOCC approves the Community park requests those items will be added to that portion of the budget.

Staff reported on current county park projects. Riley County Parks set up a booth at the Garden Show in Pottorf Hall on February 21-22. Volunteers answered many questions from the public and the overall response was good. An increase in general awareness of County Park projects in process was perceived. Thanks to all that helped with the booth and contributed information for us to use.

CiCo Park – Greg reported on the details and progress of the water detention structure being built at CiCo Park. This project has been funded by the City of Manhattan and is scheduled to be completed by June 1st. Riley County did replace a 60’ portion of drain pipe due to deterioration. He also stated that the sled hill is taking shape.

Fairmont Park – The Riley County park crew began work on the Fairmont Trail at the end of October 2014. The weather has been very good and made it possible to finish the limestone portion of the trail. The concrete portion will be done by a contractor. The Sunflower Grant will cover a portion of the cost related to the trail installation which includes trail material, concrete work, trees, and a sign at the trail head. It was recommended we invest in some solar lights so that the trail can be used closer to sun down.

Staff reported on a house that is for sale in Fairmont Park at 802 Elliott Street. The property has potential for future park development, possibly for a parking lot or use of the existing equipment shed. After discussion the board felt like the money should not be spent at this time with the adjoining property not being for sale and there is other underdeveloped property already owned by the county.

The board reviewed the community park purchase history. Community park fund allocation requests were presented. Each year, money from the park fund is budgeted for improvements to community parks in Riley County. The total-budgeted amount for 2015 is \$50,000. Mike Roediger moved to allocate the 2015 community park funds for recommendation to the County Commission as shown below:

Randolph	bathroom	12,000
Leonardville	chain link fence for tennis court	7,746
Riley	security system for the pool area	6,500
Ogden	fines for baseball field	1,449
	arch swing, two bay	2,299
	park benches	1,032
	caps	250
	rubber mulch for playground	1,797
Keats	concrete curbing for parking lot	4,927

Fairmont	shelter	7,000
	trail	<u>5,000</u>
2015 Total		\$ 50,000

Tom Finney seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

It was suggested any leftover community funds go toward the Randolph restroom project and to help with the grant application if approved. In the event a grant is not available for the restroom project this year there may be other projects to fund within the park.

The board agreed the next park board meeting would be held in Riley and the September meeting would be in Leonardville.

Greg reported the Community Enhancement Committee from University Park has approached the county with a request to help fund projects at University Park. This has been discussed at previous meetings. University Park is considered to be an Improvement District and they have an organized group that would like to do a presentation at the park board meeting in June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.